



25th June 2025

Last Sunday was the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Luke 9:11b-17

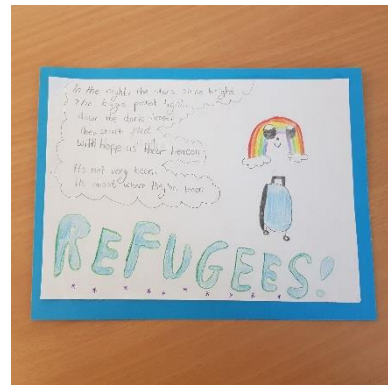
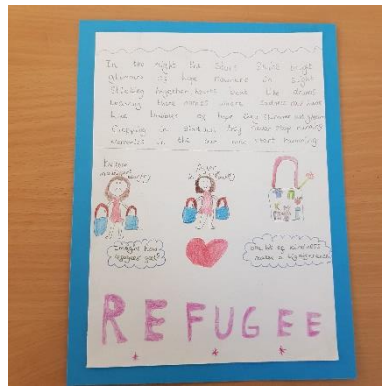
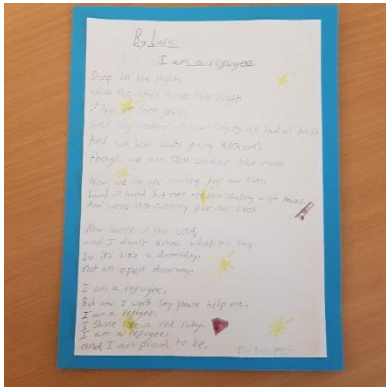
Dear Parents

Refugee Week - School of Sanctuary

Following Ohla, a Ukrainian refugee's visit last week our children designed bags with 'Welcome' written in some of the languages refugees may speak. These will be displayed and then given out for use.



Year 4 learnt how Michael Rosen, the man famous for poems about chocolate cake and going on a bear hunt, was also a refugee. He has written a whole book of poems about being a refugee and we used one of them to inspire us to write our poems.



Last week was National Refugee Week, with the theme, "Community as a Superpower" – community is the incredible every day. Ordinary and extraordinary. Simple acts of shared generosity. Kindness multiplied to become an unstoppable force!

To find out more, visit:

<https://swvg-refugees.org.uk/>

<https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/about>



Corpus Christi Mass

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Mass for Corpus Christi. Thank you Father Mark for celebrating this Mass, to Christel, from St Stephen's Church community for setting up the altar and to all the children who shared their gifts through various ministries of reading, altar serving and, of course music.



Ss Peter and Paul Mass this Friday

As you will know we are celebrating our patronal feast day this Friday. Mass will be in St Stephen's Church, 9.15am and then it will be sports day for Reception/KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon.

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, Matthew 16:18

Our First Holy Communion Children

We wish all our Year 3 and Year 4 children who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend a wonderful day. May they not only find nourishment in receiving the Blessed Sacrament for the first time but for many years of their lives.



Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." John 6:35

Sports Day

On Friday 27th June at 9.15am we will be celebrating our St Peter & St Paul Mass in St Stephen's church. All are welcome. At 10.30am, after Mass has finished, Years R, 1 and 2 will be racing. Parents are welcome to stay, after which there will be a family picnic lunch on the field. Key Stage 2 races (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will start at 1.00pm. Parents are welcome to arrive from 12.00pm to join the children for a picnic lunch on the field. School will end at the normal time for all year groups. Please note that **the walkers gate next to the church will be open at the times shown below only**. The back gate on Romsey Road will **NOT** be opened.

- 10.45 to 11.00 for Year R/KS1 parents to arrive (if they have not attended Mass)
- 12.00 to 12.30 for KS2 parents to arrive for the picnic lunch
- 1.00 to 1.10 for any more KS2 parents to arrive

All children should arrive at school in their PE kits and will also wear them home.

SwiftKitchen on Sports Day

Please be reminded that the kitchen will not be serving any hot food on Sports Day, Friday 27th June, as it is traditional for all parents and children to picnic on the field.

The school kitchen will be able to provide picnic boxes if you prefer not to make your own, they will be offering either a ham or cheese sandwich. Please book these via the app as normal.

**sports day
2025**

**FRIDAY 27 JUNE
FROM 10:30**

PTA Community Café

- Hot drinks*
*Please bring your own travel mug, with a lid for safety
- Cold drinks
- Cakes
- Sweets
- Pre-loved uniform

cash & card accepted

minimum card payment £1
exact change requested

You can help!

Please bring donations of cakes** to school on Friday morning.
Thanks! **Please include a list of ingredients, and remember we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL

St Peter's School
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All proceeds in aid of St Peter's Primary School
Parent Teacher Association

St Peter's School
PTA

The poster features a blue background with white and yellow text. It includes a list of items for sale, payment information, and a call to action for donations. There is an illustration of three children running on a track and a checkered flag. The St Peter's School logo and PTA logo are also present.

Dance Off Winners

Congratulations to the St Peter's Squad who were the winners of the Integr8 Dance Off 2025. Well done everyone!



School Production

We are currently working hard towards our end of year production of 'Oliver'. A reminder that **ALL KS2 children are required to be at ALL performances:**

- **Wednesday 16th July, 2pm**
- **Wednesday 16th July, 6pm**
- **Thursday 17th July, 2pm**
- **Thursday 17th July, 6pm**

For the evening performances, children will need to **arrive at their classroom door at 5.45pm** (Year 6 main cast please arrive at 5.30pm). Children will then be dismissed from their classroom door after the performance at approximately 7pm.

Please also remember to send your child's costume in. We ask that all individual items are named, and brought to school in a named carrier bag. These can be brought into school at any point, but the final deadline for costumes to be in school is **MONDAY 7th JULY**.

Oliver!

Year 4 Carroll Centre Foodbank

As you know we regularly ask one year group each half term for food donations for our local food bank at the Carroll Centre. After half term this will be Year 4. Currently they would like tinned food and toiletries (eg shower gel, toothbrushes, toothpaste). Last date for this is **Monday 14th July**. Many thanks for your support.



'For I was hungry and you gave me food,' Matthew 25:35

Picture News

Picture News is a new whole school project that we started this year to improve our oracy. Each week the picture that we have looked at in class will be sent home with a key question to aid some discussion on a piece of current news.

TAKEHOME



Why do people explore the past?

Nearly 140 years after it sank, a team of divers has identified the wreck of a ship, called the SS Nantes, off the coast of Devon, in southwest England. The ship sank in 1888, after crashing into another boat. The shipwreck could finally be named when a diver found a plate with the ship's company logo (or crest) on it.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to others at home and discuss what you think it would feel like to discover a missing shipwreck.
- If you could explore one mystery from the past, what would it be and why?
- Do you believe it's important to learn about the past? Why? What do others at home say?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

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Costume donations for Year 1 Castle Day

Year 1 are holding a Castle day on Thursday 17th July. The children are invited to come to school on that day in castle costumes (king, queen, knight, castle building etc). If you have any costumes at home that you are getting rid of and would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful.

Kit Messenger - Empowerment Approach

'Curious not Furious'

We continue to share with you what we are teaching the children (and ourselves) about the empowerment approach.

Kit Messenger uses the '5 Cs' to illustrate the elements that children require to perform to the best of their ability. These are:

- Comfortable
- Connected
- Count
- Capable
- Control


The next feel good chemical is serotonin.

We know that feeling worth and value makes us feel good. It makes us want to succeed and work hard. It is this feeling of importance and value that we want all children to feel at St Peter's. We want children to recognise their importance within the wider school community, within their classes and within their friendship groups.



There are helpful and unhelpful ways that children get this chemical. In school we are trying to encourage children to get this chemical through positive words, giving responsibilities, celebrating success and many other things.

Some of the helpful ways of getting this chemical you can do at home.

Helpful	Unhelpful
 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Entering a competition▪ Auditioning for a part▪ Asking for a special job within the home / school/club▪ Helping at a club for younger children▪ Volunteering in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Trying to win against someone in a way which makes them feel bad▪ Boasting about being better than others▪ Putting others down▪ Leading and influencing others to do antisocial acts▪ Anything which helps a person feel like the top dog

Message from Grace Foster, SENDCo

Hampshire CAMHS are running a whole week of workshops from 8th – 12th September at the United Reform Church in Jewry Street. Please see flyers below for further details.

Mental Health
bite size sessions

8-12 September 2025
United Reform Church Hall
Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RZ

Time	Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th
9.30am - 10.30am	Introduction to mental health	Supporting your child to transition to a new school	Introduction to mental health	tbc	Supporting parents to manage children's anxieties
11am - 12 midday	Introduction to anxiety	Sleep hygiene	Trauma	tbc	Exam stress
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Introduction to low mood	Understanding suicidal language in children and young people and how to support them	Sleep hygiene	tbc	Understanding suicidal language in children and young people and how to support them
2pm - 3pm	Tics & Tourettes	Teenage turmoil	Supporting parents to manage children's anxieties	Emotionally based school avoidance	Introduction to low mood

All bite size sessions are £5
Part of Hampshire CAMHS Mental Health Focus Week

Future School Dates

Event	Date
May Half term Monday 26th – Friday 30th May	
Ss Peter and Paul Mass and Sports Day	Friday 27 th June, 9.15am
First Holy Communion Masses, St Peter's Church	Saturday 28 th June
Year 6 Leavers Mass	Monday 30 th June, 9.30am
Year 6 Kings' School Induction day	Tuesday 1 st July
Year 6 parents information evening at Kings' School	Wednesday 2 nd July, 6pm
Year 4 Viking day	Monday 7 th July
Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting for Parents	Monday 7 th July, 3pm
Book Look	Tuesday 8 th July, 3.30-4.30pm
Parents Evening Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 in person	Tuesday 8 th July, 4pm-7pm
Year 5 to Year 6 Transition Meeting for Parents	Wednesday 9 th July, 3pm
Parents Evening Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 in person	Thursday 10 th July, 4pm-7pm
Last day for Carroll Centre Food bank – Year 4	Monday 14 th July
KS2 Production	Wednesday 16 th July, 2pm and 6pm
KS2 Production	Thursday 17 th July, 2pm and 6pm
Year 6 Leavers' Evening	Monday 21 st July, 5-7pm
Last day of term - children in school all day	Tuesday 22 nd July
Summer Holiday Wednesday 23rd July – Tuesday 2nd September (inclusive)	
First day back – children will be in Home visits for new Reception children begin	Wednesday 3 rd September
All Reception children in full time	Monday 8 th September
Mass for the start of the new school year	Tuesday 16 th September, 2pm

Class Assemblies 2024-25

All class parents and family are welcome to attend these. Please wait outside church door for 3pm.

Month	Friday (class/teacher Assembly)
June	27 th Peter and Paul Mass

Holiday Dates

School term dates are available on:

<https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/term-dates/>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>

Inset Days 2025-26

Here are next year's school closures for staff training.

Monday 6th October 2025
Monday 3rd November 2025
Monday 23rd February 2026
Friday 20th March 2026
Friday 22nd May 2026

Attendance

In 2018/19 just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards compared with 84% of pupils who regularly attended school.

Year R	93.08%
Year 1	94.13%
Year 2	94.36%
Year 3	95.49%
Year 4	95.99%
Year 5	96.15%
Year 6	94.60%
Overall school Attendance	94.80%

Well done Year 5 for having the highest attendance. An extra 5 minutes' break for you!

See the NHS website for advice on when not to send your child to school when unwell:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Job vacancy at St Peter's Catholic Primary School

After School Club Assistant (Little Fishes)

Hours of work/type of contract: 3.45-5.30pm, term time only. Casual work arrangement, paid on a sessional basis. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, one or two afternoons a week considered.

Pay: £28.28 per session

Start date: September onwards

For more details and how to apply, please visit the school website:

<http://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies>

Book Look

Our next Book Look is taking place on **Tuesday 8th July 3.30-4.30pm.**

This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom and look at all their hard work in their books. Your child may enjoy sharing their learning with you.

We recognise from parent feedback that those of you with more than one child have found it difficult to visit different classrooms on the same afternoon. For this reason, next year we will be holding book looks for each year group on different afternoons.

Applications are now open for the 2026 First Holy Communion Program!

Children who will be in Year 4 (or above) next academic year may apply, however if your child is presently in Year 2 and you are a regular parishioner and feel they may be ready next year, please do get in touch.

If you have any queries before completing the form, please email me at:
rosanne@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Please find the link (or QR code) to register:

<https://stpeterswinchester.churchsuite.com/-/forms/jkdin17d>



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 St Peter's Primary School
 Mondays 3.30-4.30pm
 Years 2 - 6

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 Learn new skills, increase confidence and HAVE FUN!

BOOKING DETAILS
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 CALL: 01962 808399
 WEBSITE: WWW.INTEGR8DANCE.COM

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- Storytelling
- Movement
- Stretching
- Breathing exercises
- Parent/child massage
- Affirmations
- Relaxations

BREAKFAST CLUB

Sport Skool

MONDAY - FRIDAY
 7:30am - 8:40am
 Year R - Year 6

PRICES
 7:30am - 8:40am - £6.70
 7:45am - 8:40am - £6.40

INFORMATION
 Join us before the start of school for a nutritious breakfast to start the day right!
 With child lead games and activities from the get go!
 To book visit our website.

MORE INFO: SPORTSKOOL.CO.UK

Wanting to do the best for your child?

we and join us on the 10 week Nurture Programme and find out how to get the best out of family life

St. Stephen Church Oliver's Battery Rd North
 24th Sept - 3rd Dec (Wednesdays), 9.05 AM - 11.05 AM excluding half term

For parents of children aged between 2-12 years
 find out more or to book a place, please email nurtureprogramme@ststephens.org
 or phone: 01942 284444.
 We hope to see you there!

ILYRIA

The Wind in the Willows
 by Kenneth Grahame

ST SWITHUN'S PREP SCHOOL, SO21 1HA
 Wednesday 2 July 2025 at 6.30pm
 Tickets: ilyria.co.uk | 0333 666 3366

Bring your own seating/bug & picnic.
 Gates open 1.45pm. Running time approx. 2hr 45mins (inc 20mins interval).

Sport Skool

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

July August
 28th - 29th

Wootton Bassett Lower School
 Church Lane
 Wootton Bassett
 SN05 1BA

John Kibbe Primary School
 Herby Park Road,
 Herby,
 SN02 3AA

From £21.15
 (5am - 9pm)

AGES 5 (YEAR 1) - 12

OPEN 8.10AM - 3.30PM
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 Donate them to the PTA and we will give them new life.

ptauseduniform@gmail.com **ST PETER'S PTA**

Best wishes
 Louise Buxton



Newsletter - past bits that may be useful

Safeguarding Quote of the Week

'If I could give my child three things, it would be the confidence to always know their self-worth, the strength to follow their dreams, and the ability to know how truly, deeply loved they are,' Anon

Safeguarding is our absolute priority. Please act on concerns that you have about any children that you know. If you have a concern about the safety of a child or young person and you want someone to find out what is going on, contact the Hampshire Children's Services Department. Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm, phone 0300 555 1384. At all other times, contact the out-of-hours service, phone 0300 555 1373. **Anyone can make a referral.**

At St Peter's Miss Buxton is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), while Mrs Blake, Mrs Pestana and Mrs Foster are the Deputy DSLs. Mrs Ricketts is DSL for Little Fishes Pre-School, with Mrs Church and Mrs Hudson being her safeguarding deputies. Please remember anyone can make a referral and safeguarding is everyone's concern!

Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium Funding?

Does your child qualify for free school meals? If you are in receipt of: Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, State pension credit, Child tax credit (as long as you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, working tax credit run on or universal credit) you may be eligible for a free school meal.

Even if your child has the universal free school meal (Year R, 1 and 2) please apply for this benefit. The school receives money from central Government to support a variety of school initiatives that would be of benefit to your child. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Lane in the school office and you can apply through <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.

Facebook

Facebook:<https://facebook.com/St-Peters-Catholic-PrimarySchool107010431022990>

School Milk Arrangements

If you would like your child to have milk (a 189ml bottle of semi-skimmed milk) during the school day, please register online with Cool Milk at www.coolmilk.com. Children under 5 years old are entitled to free school milk, fully funded by the Department of Health, but their parents must register with Cool Milk for them to receive it. For over 5s, school milk is available at a rate subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme. Children eligible for statutory free school meals can receive school milk free of charge – the school office will contact you.

Cool Milk have asked us to inform parents that the price of milk for over 5s will soon be increasing. If you register your child now, you can lock in at the current price. Contact Cool Milk with any queries: 0800 321 3248 or www.coolmilk.com

Extra-curricular clubs

Please see below details of clubs being offered this summer.

Year group	Club	Day of the week	Year group	Club	Day of the week
YR	Relax Kids Theatre Kids	Wednesday Friday	Y4	Comic Club Intergr8 Clay Club Gardening Relax Kids Phoenix Club Sportskool Theatre Kids	Monday Monday Tuesday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Friday
Y1	Sportskool Relax Kids Theatre Kids	Wednesday Wednesday Friday	Y5	Football Intergr8 Clay Club Netball Gardening Comic Club Relax Kids Sportskool Theatre Kids	Monday Monday Tuesday Tuesday Tuesday Wednesday Wednesday Friday Friday
Y2	Integr8 Sportskool Relax Kids Phoenix Club Theatre Kids	Monday Wednesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	Y6	Intergr8 Football Netball Gardening Comic Club Relax Kids Yr 6 production practice Sportskool Theatre Kids	Monday Monday Tuesday Tuesday Wednesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Friday
Y3	Comic Club Intergr8 Gardening Relax Kids Phoenix Club Sportskool Theatre Kids	Monday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Friday			

Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we remain a nut-free school due to serious allergies.

Also we encourage breaktime snacks to be healthier choices – fresh fruit and vegetables, bread sticks, raisins.... no crisps or chocolate please.

Homework, Spelling and Reading

In recent weeks we have noticed a slight decline in the number of children who are submitting homework across all year groups. Each week, teachers from Year 2 set maths, English and spellings for children and many children in EYFS, KS1 and Year 3 will also come home with a reading book linked to their phonics or book band. Our expectation is that children spend 10 minutes on English and 10 minutes on maths as well as practising spelling and reading daily with someone at home. Children are given a week to complete this as suggested by parents in a past parent survey. We understand that sometimes homework can be a tedious task and recognise that by dedicating only a short amount of time to it, we can recognise and appreciate this effort.

We are currently reviewing how we teach spelling as a whole school strategy. This is something which is taking on a more explorative approach and has become part of a whole school focus for school improvement. Spelling from Year 2 to Year 6 takes place weekly in classrooms and focuses on the spelling patterns from the National Curriculum. Many children will be ready to practise and use these patterns regularly however, some children may have more individualised spellings to support them in their learning. This can ensure that children become more confident with regularly used high frequency words as opposed to some less used common exception words.

Reading journals at school have become a way for many children to share with us the books that they love to read at home. This is also an additional way for us to monitor and encourage reading at home. Again, we understand that this can seem like an onerous task however these diaries can be presented to us in a variety of ways by children and families. This could look like a logged book title and parent signature, it could be signed and dated or it may involve commentary, illustrations and explorations of vocabulary. They also have a variety in approach in terms of children recording themselves or parents recording for them. Often this is a way for children to share that they are being read to, they are reading alongside a parent or they are listening to an audiobook. We do not expect a blanket approach to these logs however we would really appreciate that they are filled in to encourage reading and conversation about books.

Educational Visits

Trips, visits and enrichment days comprise an essential part of our school curriculum at St Peter's Catholic Primary School. Successful trips and themed days provide memorable learning experiences and enhance the children's education in ways that are not possible in the normal classroom. We provide off-site visits and enrichment days as a positive tool to develop pupils' independent, investigative learning, and to build their experience of the local and wider world. We are very aware of rising costs and constraints on family budgets and are doing what we can to keep costs as low as possible. This term we have planned the following activities to support the curriculum:

Year 6 – One World Day, Day of Reflection

Year 5 - Bikeability; Greek Day

Year 4 - Viking Day

Year 3 - Visit to Fishbourne Palace

Year 1 - Visit to Portchester Castle, Kings and Queens day

Year R - Visit to Manor Farm

Reporting to Parents 2024-25

Parent and school partnership is vitally important in ensuring the best for each child. We want to share the dates for reporting attainment and progress with parents so you can place them in your diary. Our aim is to ensure that you are kept informed and able to discuss progress at key points in the year as relevant to your child's year group.

As in the past, there is a formal reporting point in each term either via a parents' evening or via a written report. Over the course of the year, there will be two parents' evenings and one written report for each pupil. Following feedback from parents, this year we will be offering the option of face-to-face meetings or an on-line meeting. This means that for each set of parents' evenings one of the dates will be for face-to-face meetings in school and the other date will be for meetings via 'Teams'. The aim of the initial meeting for all year groups is to ensure the children have settled into their new year groups and their routines.

The timings of parents' evenings and reports for each year group are as follows:

Parents' evenings:

Autumn Term All Year groups – Tuesday 15th October 2024 (in person)
Thursday 17th October 2024 (in person)

Year R, Year 2 and Year 6 – Tuesday 25th February 2025 (in person)
Thursday 27th February 2025 (in person)

Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 – Tuesday 8th July 2025 (in person)
Thursday 10th July 2025 (in person)

As in the past, parents' evenings will be held between 4.00pm and 7.00pm. Details of how to book an appointment with your child's class teacher will be shared via the newsletter.

Written reports:

Spring Term Year 1, 3, 4, 5 – These will be sent out on 28th February 2025
Summer Term Year R, 2 and 6 – These will be sent out on 18th July 2025

Reminders of the timings of written reports will be shared in the newsletter nearer the time.

Please remember that if you wish to discuss your child's progress at any point in the year you can make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher.

Hants LA signposting websites

These websites may be a helpful resource should you need a bit of help or advice as a parent.

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/family.page?familychannel=2>

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/sfyc/ProviderBulletin-March2025-ParentCarerUpdate.pdf>